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spite of the medical aid given to him in the great medical centre of Vienna, he lost his life. I am sure his spirit and the last message he has given will live for ever and will impel us to struggle for the cause which was so dear to his heart."

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" In seconding this resolution, I should like to associate the Government of Madras with it and express our sorrow at the death of Mr. Patel, the first elected President of the Legislative Assembly."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The motion before the House is—

'*that this House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the death of Mr. Vithalbhai Patel, the first elected President of the Legislative Assembly*'."

The motion was carried, all Members standing.

IV.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Control of Cinematographs

Ban on the Cinematograph film displaying the funeral procession of Mr. J. M. Sen Gupta.

* 105 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Madras Government have banned the film of the funeral procession of the late Mr. J. M. Sen Gupta and, if so, for what reasons?

A.—This Government have not banned the film.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" Sir, are any restrictions placed in the matter of the exhibition of the film of the funeral procession of the late Mr. Sen Gupta, and if so, what are they?

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" The question does not arise. The Government have not banned the film, as stated in the answer."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether this film has been banned by the Government of India, or any other authority? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The question does not arise."

Law and Order (General)

Alleged oppression of the Depressed Classes of Pallikondan village, Vellore taluk.

* 106 *Q.*—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaints that the caste Hindus are oppressing the depressed classes at Pallikondan village, Vellore taluk?

A.—No complaint appears to have been received.

Alleged unfriendly relations between the Nattars and the Adi-Dravidas in the Ramnad district.

* 107 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

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(*a*) whether the Government have received memorials and petitions from responsible people as to the strained relationship between the Nattars and Adi-Dravidas in the Ramnad district during the past four months; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action on these representations?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Two petitions were received from certain persons on the subject and they were transferred to the District Magistrate of Ramnad for such action as he might consider necessary.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"May I know from the hon. the Home Member when these petitions were received and when they were forwarded to the District Magistrate of Ramnad?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I think one was received in February and the other in June."

Police

Result of the investigation by the Police into the find of a pistol in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George.

* 108 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the result is of the investigation by the police into the find of the pistol in the premises of the Council Chamber of this Council some time back; and

(*b*) whether the ownership of the pistol has been traced to any person; if so, why no action has been taken against the said person till now?

A.—(*a*) No clue has been found.

(*b*) (i) No.

(ii) Does not arise.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know the number of the pistol?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I am unable to answer it now."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Is the hon. Home Member aware that every pistol has got a number?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information."

Apprehension of the culprits concerned in the revolver incident at the Council Chamber, Fort. St. George.

* 109 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the police have till now been able to trace out the culprit or culprits who placed a loaded revolver in the Governor's Box during the last session of the Council;

(*b*) what the steps are that have been taken by the police till now to find out the offenders; and